**Contribution of Agriculture in GDP**

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the gross domestic product of the country will decrease due to the negative effect of farming in the financial year 2009-10 as a result of the effect of drought in 276 districts of the country;

(b) if so, the assessment of contribution of agriculture in the gross domestic product;

(c) whether Government has assessed the adverse effect on the farmers due to decrease in the above said contribution; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) As per the data compiled by Central Statistical Organization (CSO), the growth rate of gross domestic product (GDP) for the first quarter (April-June) of 2009-10 at 1999-2000 prices for Agriculture and allied sector and total Economy are estimated at 2.4% and 6.1% respectively. CSO has not yet released the annual estimates of GDP for the financial year 2009-10.

(b) Share of agriculture and allied activities in the total GDP is 16.3% for the first quarter (April-June) of 2009-10 as against 16.8% of the corresponding period of 2008-09. During 2008-09, its share in total GDP was 17.0%.

(c) and (d) The reason for decline in the share of Agriculture and allied sector in GDP is due to the structural transformation of the economy and is mainly attributed to faster growth of Mining and Quarrying, Electricity, Gas and Water Supply and Financing, Insurance, Real Estate and Business Services. With a view to taking care of the interests of farmers, apart from providing various input subsidies the Government also fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for different agricultural commodities to ensure remunerative prices for their produce which in turn facilitates higher investment and higher production in the agricultural sector. The MSP of Copra, Paddy, Arhar, Moong, Sesamum, Wheat, Barley, Gram and Safflower have been raised over their last year's MSP. A statement indicating the MSPs of Kharif and Rabi crops and Copra for 2005-06 to 2009-10 is enclosed.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

***Statement***

*Details of minimum support prices of Kharif, Rabi and Copra for 2005-06 to 2009-10 (According to Crop year)*

*(As on* 11.11.2009*)*

*(Rs. per quintal)*

| Sl. No. | Commodity | Variety | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 | 2008-09 | (#) increase in MSP 2008-09 over 2007-08 | 2009-10 | (#) increase in MSP 2009-10 over 2008-09 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| **Kharif Crops** | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | Paddy | Common | 570 | 580^ | 645$$/850~ | 850$ | 205(31.8) | 950& | 100(11.8) |
| | | Grade 'A' | 600 | 610^ | 675$$/880~ | 880$ | 205(30.4) | 980& | 100(11.4) |
| 2. | Jowar | Hybrid | 525 | 540 | 600 | 840 | 240(40.0) | 840 | 0.0 |
| | | Maldandi | — | 555 | 620 | 860 | 240(38.7) | 860 | 0.0 |
| 3. | Bajra | | 525 | 540 | 600 | 840 | 240(40.0) | 840 | 0.0 |
| 4. | Maize | | 540 | 540 | 620 | 840 | 220(35.5) | 840 | 0.0 |
| 5. | Ragi | | 525 | 540 | 600 | 915 | 315(52.5) | 915 | 0.0 |
| 6. | Arhar (Tur) | | 1400 | 1410 | 1550^^ | 2000 | 450(29.0) | 2300 | 300(15.0) |
| 7. | Moong | | 1520 | 1520 | 1700^^ | 2520 | 820(48.2) | 2760 | 240(9.5) |
| 8. | Urad | | 1520 | 1520 | 1700^^ | 2520 | 820(48.2) | 2520 | 240(9.5) |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9. | Cotton | F-414/H-777/J34 | 1760 | 1770* | 1800* | 2500[a] | 700(38.9) | 2500[a] | 0.0 |
| | | H-4 | 1980 | 1990** | 2030** | 3000[aa] | 970(47.8) | 3000[aa] | 0.0 |
| 10. | Groundnut in shell | | 1520 | 1520 | 1550 | 2100 | 550(35.5) | 2100 | 0.0 |
| 11. | Sunflower seed | | 1500 | 1500 | 1510 | 2215 | 705(46.7) | 2215 | 0.0 |
| 12. | Soyabeen | Black | 900 | 900 | 910 | 1350 | 440(48.4) | 1350 | 0.0 |
| | | Yellow | 1010 | 1020 | 1050 | 1390 | 340(32.4) | 1390 | 0.0 |
| 13. | Sesamum | | 1550 | 1560 | 1580 | 2750 | 1170(74.1) | 2850 | 100(3.6) |
| 14. | Nigerseed | | 1200 | 1220 | 1240 | 2405 | 1165(94.0) | 2405 | 0.0 |
| | **Rabi Crops** | | | | | | | | |
| 15. | Wheat | | 650$ | 750$$ | 1000 | 1080 | 80(8.0) | 1100 | 20(1.85) |
| 16. | Barley | | 550 | 565 | 650 | 680 | 30(4.6) | 750 | 70(10.29) |
| 17. | Gram | | 1435 | 1445 | 1600 | 1730 | 130(8.1) | 1760 | 30(1.73) |
| 18. | Masur (Lentil) | | 1535 | 1545 | 1700 | 1870 | 170(10.0) | 1870 | 0 |
| 19. | Rapeseed/Mustard | | 171.5 | 1715 | 1800 | 1830 | 30(1.7) | 1830 | 0 |
| 20. | Safflower | | 1565 | 1565 | 1650 | 1650 | 0(0) | 1680 | 30(1.82) |
| 21. | Toria | | 1680 | 1680 | 1735 | 1735 | 0.00 | | |
| | **Other Crops** | | | | | | | | |
| 22. | Copra | Milling | 3570 | 3590 | 3620 | 3660 | 40(1.1) | 4450 | 790(21.6) |
| | (Calender year) | Ball | 3820 | 3840 | 3870 | 3910 | 40(1.0) | 4700 | 790(20.2) |

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| 23. | De-husked Coconut (Calender year) | | — | — | — | 988 | — | 1200 | 212(21.5) |
| 24. | Jute | | 910 | 1000 | 1055 | 1250 | 195(18.5) | 1375 | 125(10.0) |
| 25. | Sugarcane | | 79.50 | 80.25 | 81.18 | 81.18 | 0(0.0) | 129.84□ | 48.66(59.9) |
| 26. | Tobacco (VFC) | Black Soil (F2 Gr) | 32.00 | 32.00 | 32.00 | | | | |
| | (Rs. per kg.) | Light Soil (L2 Gr) | 34.00 | 34.00 | 34.00 | | | | |

# Figures in brackets indicate percentage increase.

$ An additional incentive bonus of Rs. 50 per quintal was payable over the Minimum Support Price (MSP)

$$ An additional incentive bonus of Rs. 100 per quintal was payable over the Minimum Support Price (MSP)

^ An additional incentive bonus or Rs. 40 per quintal was payable on procurement between 1.10.2006 to 31.03.2007. In case of Bihar and Kerala additional incentive bonus extended upto 31.5.2007 and in case of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal additional incentive bonus extended upto 30.9.2007.

* Medium Staple.

** Long Staple

^^ A bonus of Rs. 40 per quintal was payable over and above the MSP.

~ From 12.06.2008

a Staple length (mm) of 24.5 – 25.5 and Micronaire value of 4.3 – 5.1

aa Staple length (mm) of 29.5 – 30.5 and Micronaire value of 3.5 – 4.3

& An additional incentive bonus of Rs. 50 per quintal is payable over the Minimum Support Price (MSP)

□ Fair and remunerative price.